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As Ohioans continue to do more of their holiday shopping online this year, the Franklin County Chiefs Association would like to remind everyone of the potential risk of package theft. Franklin County police chiefs are working together to target package thieves during the month of December. The Franklin County Chiefs Association recommends taking advantage of some of the following suggestions to ensure your gifts find their way under your tree rather than in the hands of a thief:

- Use Amazon's Hub Counter/Locker service to store your delivery until you are ready to pick it up and/or their Smart Home Options program.
- Take advantage of similar security options available with other companies and carriers.
- If your company permits it, have your packages delivered to your work address.
- Work with a trusted neighbor to ensure someone is available to collect your packages when they
 are delivered.
- Subscribe to delivery notifications with the carriers.
- Consider cameras that notify you when someone approaches your house.
- Require a signature for delivery, especially on more valuable items.

"The Franklin County police are committed to using road patrol efforts and covert operations to detect and arrest package thieves," Chief Mike Crispen, President of the Franklin County Chiefs Association stated. Carriers are encouraged to contact the local police department when they observe a vehicle following them throughout their routes, and when possible, to place packages in locations less visible to the public.

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